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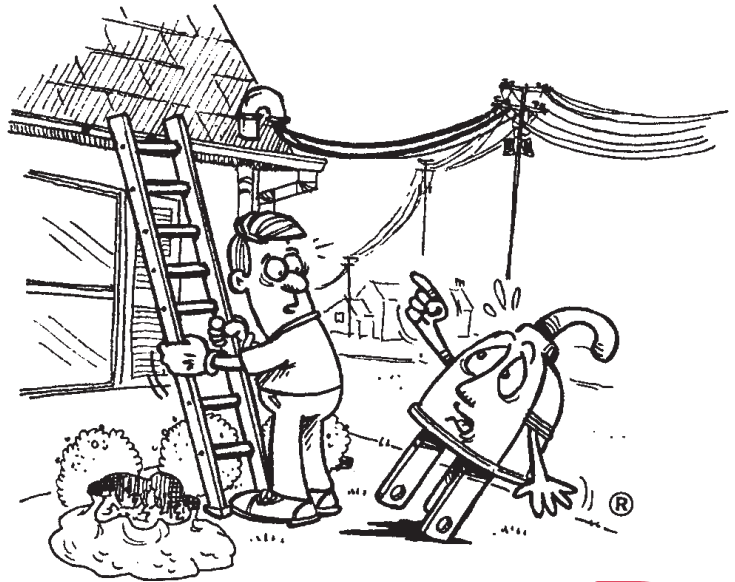
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MEETING INFORMATION:

Unless otherwise notified, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month. The Directors shall hold their meetings at the general office of the District or at such other place or places determined by the Board.



RESIDENTIAL HEAT PUMP / WATER HEATER

\$400 for Air Source

UEF > 1.9

\$650 for Water or Ground
Source COP > 2.8

HIGH EFFICIENCY HEAT PUMP

\$400 - \$3300 Incentive
Minimum SEER 16, EER 12.5 &
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Includes Air-to-Air, and
Water/Ground source

SMART THERMOSTAT:

\$25 - \$100

COOLING SYSTEM TUNE-UP:

\$30

ATTIC INSULATION:

\$0.30 PER SQUARE FOOT -
\$600 MAX

2026
INCENTIVE
REBATES

2026 Rate Adjustments:

What Customers Need to Know

Stanton County Public Power District (SCPPD) is committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable electric service while responsibly managing costs on behalf of our customers. Effective January 1, 2026, SCPPD will implement revenue-neutral rate adjustments designed to better align customer bills with the actual usage of electricity across our system.

Introduction of Demand Charge

Beginning in 2026, all customer rate classes will see a demand charge applied to their bill. A demand line item has appeared on customer bills for several years; however, it has carried no charge until now. Starting January 1, that line item will reflect a modest demand charge.

Demand represents the highest level of electricity consumption at any given time during a billing period. This peak usage has a significant impact on the costs associated with generating, delivering, and maintaining reliable electric service, particularly during periods of high system demand. Introducing a demand charge helps ensure that rates more accurately reflect each customer's contribution to these system costs.

"While our wholesale power costs are increasing, our goal for 2026 was to keep overall rates stable for our customers. By making revenue-neutral adjustments and introducing a demand charge, we're aligning rates more fairly with how electricity is used—while continuing to manage costs responsibly."

Offset Through Lower Energy Charges

To help balance the addition of the demand charge, most rate classes will see a decrease in the kilowatt-hour (kWh) energy charge. This adjustment is designed to offset the demand charge and maintain more stable overall bills for many customers, particularly those with consistent usage patterns.

No Overall Rate Increase for 2026

SCPPD is pleased to announce that there will be no overall rate increase for 2026. These changes are revenue neutral, meaning the district is not collecting additional revenue as a result of this adjustment.

Although SCPPD is receiving a rate increase from our wholesale power supplier, we have worked diligently to manage costs and absorb these increases without passing them on to our customers. Through careful planning, cost control, and thoughtful rate design, we are maintaining stable overall rates while continuing to invest in safe and reliable electric service.

Our Commitment to Transparency

We understand that changes to utility bills can raise questions. Our staff are always available to help customers better understand how demand is measured and how these adjustments may affect individual bills.

Thank you for your continued trust in Stanton County Public Power District. We remain committed to serving our community with transparency, reliability, and responsible stewardship.

Trever A. Turner
General Manager & CEO

January/February 2026

INSPECTION TIME!

PRIMARY UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

Stanton County Public Power District (SCPPD) will be conducting a comprehensive inspection of its primary underground facilities to ensure the continued reliability and safety of its electrical grid. These inspections are part of the district's proactive maintenance program and are conducted annually, aimed at identifying potential issues before they affect service to our customers.

Underground power lines are a crucial component of modern electrical infrastructure. They offer protection from weather-related damage and improve the aesthetic quality of neighborhoods. However, these lines are also susceptible to various issues, such as corrosion, cable wear, and rodent damage, which can cause outages or safety hazards if left unchecked. One of the most common hazards identified during the inspection process is the customers' landscaping around the underground facilities.

Often, the landscaping buries the pad mount transformer or plants, and shrubbery prevents our linemen from being able to access the transformer or meter pedestal. A minimum of 10' of clearance is required in front of all pad mount transformers and meter pedestals. A minimum of 5' of clearance is required around the remaining sides.

To address these challenges, SCPPD deploys linemen equipped with a thermal imaging camera that can detect problems that may not be visible to the naked eye. This technology helps identify overheating cables, faulty connections, or deteriorating insulation, which could potentially lead to power disruptions.

Inspections are scheduled to begin late winter/early spring.



Fuel tank is too close to meter pedestal.



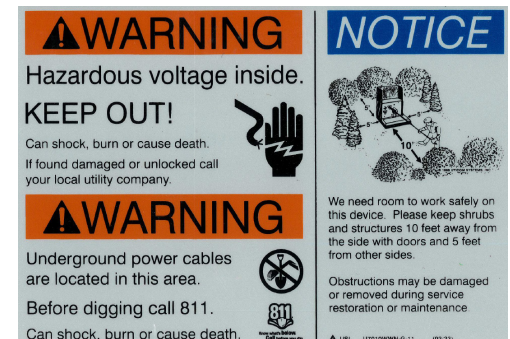
Mower hit and broke the fiberglass pad the transformer sits on. This allows rodents to enter and potentially cause damage.



Shrub planted directly in front of the transformer. Minimum of 10' of clearance is required.



Customer added too much dirt which buried underground equipment, and there is not enough clearance from the fencing to the equipment.



This is the warning sticker that is on the front of the pad mount transformers which illustrates clearance requirements.



Electronic waste, also known as e-waste, refers to used electronic devices that are thrown away. Every year, millions of tons of e-waste enter our landfills, where toxic materials leach into our soil and groundwater. Some of these toxic materials include lead, mercury, cadmium, flame retardants, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and beryllium. Electronics also contain many valuable metals that can be extracted and reused. Some of these metals include gold, copper, aluminum, nickel, zinc, and lithium.

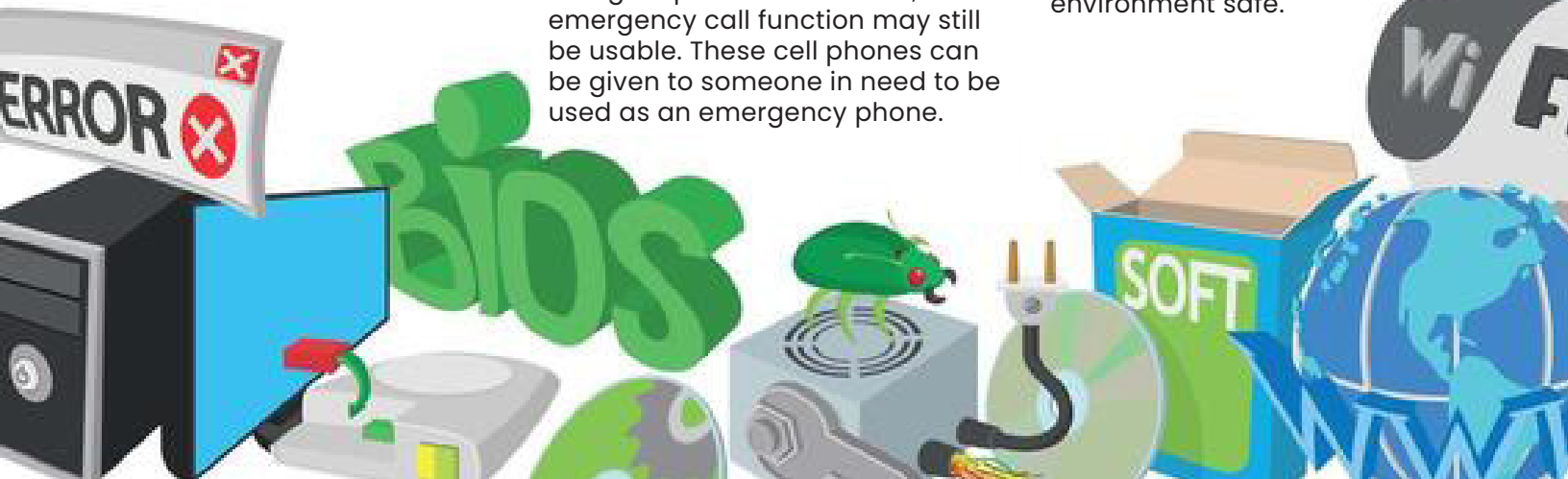
What are some ways we can minimize the impact of e-waste on our environment? Due to the value of metals in electronic devices, the most effective solution is recycling. As e-waste continues to pile up, recycling centers and drop-off programs are becoming

more abundant. There are recycling centers in Norfolk, Vermillion, and Lincoln that accept E-Waste at your convenience. There are also some manufacturers that will accept trade-ins of old devices and either refurbish the device or recycle it. Recycling ensures that hazardous materials are properly disposed of and recyclable materials are extracted and reused.

If your electronic devices still have some life left in them, you may consider donating them. Many programs allow you to donate computers and cell phones. Schools, libraries, shelters, military veteran programs, or even friends and family will take old electronics and put them to good use. Also, some charities and police departments accept donations of old working cell phones. Even though a phone is outdated, the emergency call function may still be usable. These cell phones can be given to someone in need to be used as an emergency phone.

If you would like to try your hand at a DIY project, you can find many tutorials online on how to turn your old electronic devices into a fun project. Some of these projects include digital picture frames, security cameras, baby monitors, arcade machines, media centers, or home automation. DIY projects can be a fun way to learn a new skill and get a little more life out of your old devices.

Before choosing what to do with your old electronic devices, be sure to securely wipe your data from them. Simply reinstalling the operating system is not secure enough as your data can still be recovered. Many devices today offer a secure wipe and reset function. If not, you can find free software on the Internet that can help. It is just as important to keep your data safe as it is to keep the environment safe.



EMPLOYEE NEWS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

TIM WURDINGER – NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Tim has been employed here at SCPPD for 16 years working across all departments and personnel at the District. The Network Administrator is responsible for any number of technical projects and systems like the Advanced Metering Infrastructure, radio communications equipment, load control programs, substation automation, computer network hardware and software, and more. Cybersecurity is always at the top of the priority list for Tim, and he keeps a constant vigil to protect our systems from outside threats.

Here is a questionnaire for more about Tim.

Where did you grow up?

Stanton, Nebraska

What is working at SCPPD like?

It is wonderful. I get to be close to my family while working in a career that challenges me and provides a beneficial service to the public.

What hashtags describe your personality?

#nerd #girdad

What is one thing on your bucket list?

I would like to visit Pearl Harbor and see the USS Arizona Memorial.

What is a fun fact about you?

I wrote a game for the original Nintendo Entertainment System and released it on cartridges.

What has been your favorite project at SCPPD?

Designing and building our server room.

Tell us about Your family.

I have two daughters; Daphne is 12 and is active in softball, volleyball, basketball, band, and will try track for the first time. Jordyn is 10 and is active in dance, volleyball, basketball, and band.



What advice would you give your younger self?

Everyday is a new opportunity.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

How to build a flux capacitor.

Describe SCPPD in 3 words.

Safe – Reliable – Affordable



WARNING

The weather has taken a cold turn and it is the time of year to prepare for storm outages. Please report outages to our SCPPD office, and we will have your electricity restored as quickly and as safely as we can.

Prepare your family and your home for such outages with supplies you will need. Stay Safe and Stay Warm!

Remember to follow us on Facebook for outage updates!

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Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed Weekends
and Holidays

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2025 AT THE VFW CLUB

The Stanton County Public Power District sincerely thanks our staff and directors for the many years of service that they have devoted to SCPPD. Their loyalty, commitment and dedication over the years is something special in this day and age.

The collective strength of staff and directors stabilizes the district during our most challenging times and prepares us for high-level service to our customers both now and in the future. SCPPD congratulates these employees and directors as we recognize the considerable growth in their expertise, wisdom and capabilities.



Don Dubas



Julie Clausen



Doug Oertwich

completed the Director Gold program through MRECA and has since been recertified.



Jackson Reed



Korbin Voelges



Lucas Litras



Both completed the Merchant apprenticeship, earning the title of a Journeyman Lineman.

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